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1. In a shaker instrument having a first part comprising a hollow shell with pellets therein joined to a second part comprising an elongated handle, the improvement wherein said handle is fabricated of flexible material permitting resilient bending of said handle.

2. A shaker shaped instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein the said first shell part comprises a molded shell having a truncated end portion and a bottleneck extending from said end portion.

3. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 2, wherein the first said shell part is provided with a cap member closing said bottleneck and retaining said pellets in said first part.

4. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 2, wherein said second flexible handle part is provided with a recess for receiving said bottleneck of said first part.

5. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein said recess forms a closure for said bottleneck of said first shell part and retaining said pellets in said first part.

6. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein said second handle part is

1 additionally provided with a bore through the end of said second handle part distal to the joint
2 with said first part.

1 7. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein said second flexible handle
2 comprises flexible plastic selected from the group comprising polyvinyl chloride and
3 Santoprene®.

1 8. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein said exterior surface forms a
2 maraca having a bulbous end, and wherein said bulbous end comprises said first shell part and a
3 portion of said second handle part.

1 9. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein the said first shell part is
2 fabricated of rigid plastic.

1 10. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1, wherein the entire handle part is
2 fabricated of said flexible material.

1 11. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1 wherein said handle part comprises a first
2 portion fabricated of said flexible material and a second portion, said first portion adjoining said
3 shell.

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12. A shaker instrument as specified in claim 1 wherein said flexible material is rubber.

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